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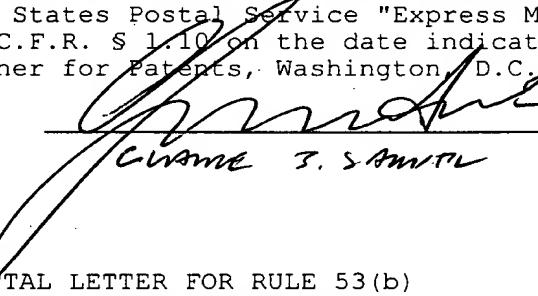
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)  
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a  continuation,  divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 09/323,181, (Confirmation No.8868), filed May 28, 1999.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the  specification;  claims;  abstract;  declaration;  power of attorney; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

- Newly executed (original or copy).
- Copy from a prior application (No. 08/745,618 filed November 7, 1996) (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The prior application, Application No. 08/745,618, filed November 7, 1996 is assigned of record to Vascular Science Inc., now by change of name (also of record) St. Jude Medical Cardiovascular Group, Inc.

Also transmitted herewith are:

24 sheets of:

Formal drawings.

Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

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An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_

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An associate power of attorney.

A certified copy of the priority document, application, No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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